

**Zion Lutheran Church
Glen Rock, PA
Second Sunday in Lent
LBW Holy Communion Setting Two
Sunday, March 1, 2026**

*We stand as we are able.

Introduction to the day

During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (LBW p. 56)**

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ,

and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

***ENTRANCE HYMN: "My Song Is Love Unknown"**

LBW (green) 94

***APOSTOLIC GREETING (LBW p. 57)**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE (LBW p. 78)



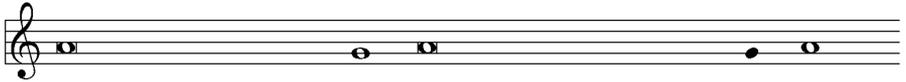
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **B** Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



B Lord, have mer - cy.



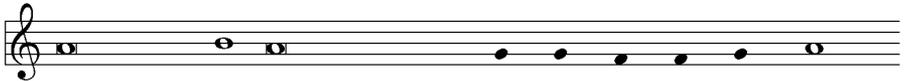
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



B Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **☩** Lord, have mer - cy.

☩ Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **☩** A - men

***HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW p.79)**

☩ Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

☩ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther:

We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

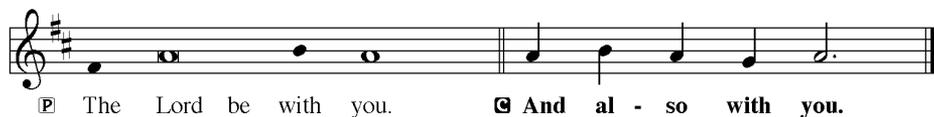
You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



***PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW p. 82)**



Let us pray.

Eternal God, it is your glory always to have mercy. Bring back all who have erred and strayed from your ways; lead them again to embrace in faith the truth of your Word and to hold it fast; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

ANTHEM: "He Became A Lamb"

Children's church dismissal: All children are invited to the Nursery at this time.

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 12:1-4a

¹ The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

^{4a} So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 121

¹ I lift up my eyes ¹ to the hills;
from where is my ¹ help to come?

² **My help comes ¹ from the LORD,**
the maker of heav- ¹ en and earth.

³ He will not let your ¹ foot be moved
and he who watches over you will not ¹ fall asleep.

⁴ **Behold, he who keeps watch¹ over Israel
shall neither slum-¹ ber nor sleep;**

⁵ the LORD himself watches¹ over you;
the LORD is your shade at¹ your right hand,

⁶ **so that the sun shall not strike¹ you by day,
nor the¹ moon by night.**

⁷ The LORD shall preserve you¹ from all evil;
it is he who shall¹ keep you safe.

⁸ **The LORD shall watch over your going out and your¹ coming in,
from this time forth for-¹ evermore.**

SECOND LESSON: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

¹ What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ⁴ Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵ But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

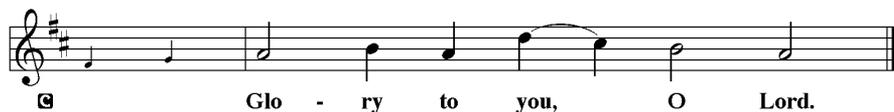
***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (LBW p. 83)**



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter.



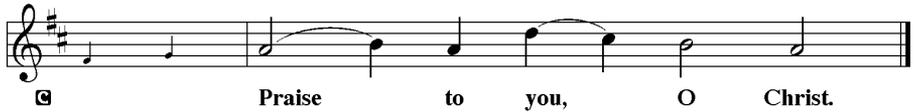
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** “Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me” LBW (green) 336

***APOSTLES CREED (LBW p. 85)**

With the whole church, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

***THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (LBW p. 85)**

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A brief silence.

Faithful One, you renew us by grace. As you have inspired faith through the work of church artists and hymnwriters throughout the ages, give your church the means to praise your beauty today. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Living One, you delight in this world. The sun and moon, the wind and the water declare your goodness. Preserve this earth, and protect conservationists, scientists, and all who labor in service to creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Ruling One, you bless us to be a blessing. Open the hearts of all leaders to seek the flourishing of every person and lend your help to all who wait for justice, deliverance, and peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Compassionate One, you send your Son to save. Declare your word of acceptance to any who feel condemned and lift up any brought low by hatred and exclusion. Tend to all who are struggling with illness or loss (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Guiding One, you watch over our going out and coming in. Bless newcomers and new members in this assembly and accompany those who have recently left this community to journey elsewhere. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Eternal One, you neither slumber nor sleep. Be our keeper in life and in death. Thank you for our beloved who have died, and for your promise which saves this whole world by your love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

Amen.

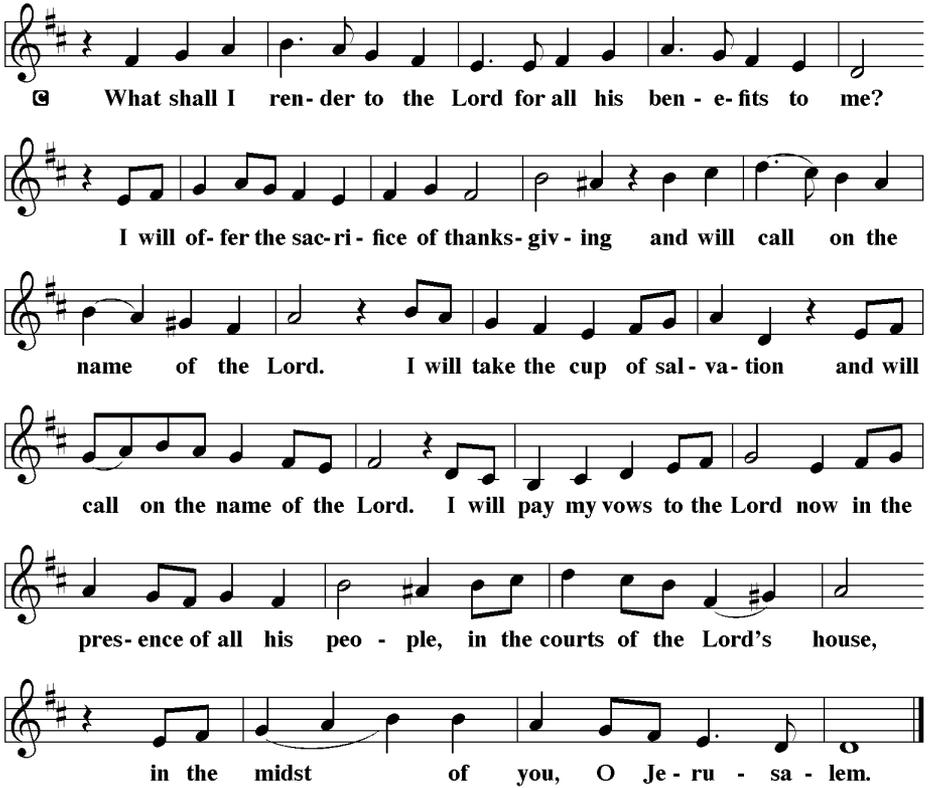
***PEACE (LBW p. 66)**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

***PRESENTATION OF OFFERING**

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE: (LBW p. 87)**



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all his ben-e-fits to me?
I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will call on the
name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-va-tion and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the
pres-ence of all his peo-ple, in the courts of the Lord's house,
in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 87)**

Let us pray.

Merciful Father,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

***DIALOGUE (LBW p. 88)**



☐ The Lord be with you. **☑** And al - so with you.



☐ Lift up your hearts. **☑** We lift them to the Lord.



☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☑ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

***PREFACE (LBW p. 88)**

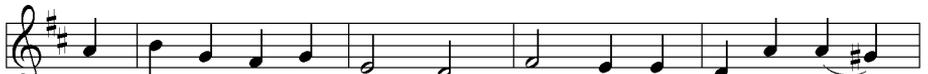
It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



☑ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.

***COMMUNION HYMN (LBW p. 92)**



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION (LBW p. 92)

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND CANTICLE (LBW p. 92)**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace; your word has been ful -
 filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -
 pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re - veal you to the
 na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
 Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,
 and will be for - ev - er. A - men

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (LBW p.94)

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

***BLESSING (LBW p. 95)**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace. **Amen**

***SENDING HYMN:** “What Wondrous Love Is This”

LBW (green) 385

***DISMISSAL (LBW p. 95)**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Today’s communion elements are presented to the glory of God, by Clay and Linda Beegle.

SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 03/08/26

Exod 17:1-7, Ps 95, Rom 5:1-11, John 4:5-42

PRAYER REQUESTS

Shirley Seitz, the family of Heather Light, Donna Chandler,
Keith Copenhaver, James Thompson, Randy Ruth, Joann King,
Trey Tomaschko, Lou Tomaschko, Beth Hennessey, Suzanne Becker,
Chad Smith, Brian Phelps, Tim Myers, Bonni Whitman, Sandy Fair

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Zion! We are glad you are here today. After worship, you are invited to a time of fellowship with coffee and snacks in the social hall directly beside the sanctuary.

Communion is offered every Sunday. Wine and apple juice are both available. All are welcome.

Today we welcome Rev. Peter Rustico to lead us in worship.

Today is the last day to order Easter flowers. Payments can be made at a later date, but the order must be placed tomorrow morning.

The Christian Education Committee is seeking volunteers to assist as needed to supervise our little ones during Children’s Church. This is expected to fill an occasional need according to your availability. Please direct inquiries to: Pam Hoffman (pam@gilmangroup.com - 717-676-0433), Kelley Fisher (kelleyfish23@gmail.com - 410-598-0586), or Brenda Davis [church office] (office@zionglenrock.org - 717-235-3276).

Lenten Book Study: *The Cost of Discipleship* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Tuesdays at 6 PM, February 24 and March 3, 10, 17, and 24

Christ Lutheran Church, 105 South Main St. Shrewsbury

Copies of the book can be purchased from Pastor Brian Biery for \$10. You can reach him at pastor.biery@gmail.com or 717-579-4031 for pickup or delivery of the text.

Community Choir 2026: A community concert will be held at Zion on Saturday, April 25 at 3pm. Proceeds will benefit the Glen Rock / Arthur Hufnagel and Shrewsbury / Paul Smith Libraries.

Practices: Sundays - March 15, and April 19 from 6-7:30 PM

If you cannot attend both practices, you are still welcome to join us. Contact Rev.

Brian Biery at 717-579-4031 if you would like to participate or with questions.

Community Lenten and Easter Schedule:

Wednesday, March 4th – 7pm service at Immanuel UMC, 1 New St,
Glen Rock, PA 17327, Rev. Skip Spangler preaching

Wednesday, March 11th – 7pm service at Zion Lutheran Church,
47 Hanover St, Glen Rock, PA, 17327, Rev. Peter Rustico preaching

Wednesday, March 18th – 7pm service at Trinity UCC, 27 Manchester St,
Glen Rock, PA 17327, Rev. Brian Biery preaching

Wednesday, March 25th – 7pm service at New Hope (Fissels) UCC,
3426 Fissels Church Rd, Glen Rock, PA 17327

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd – 5pm Bread and Soup Dinner (no service) at
New Hope (Fissels) UCC, 3426 Fissels Church Rd, Glen Rock, PA

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd – 7pm service at Zion Lutheran Church,
47 Hanover St, Glen Rock, PA 17327, Rev. Doug DeStephano
preaching

Good Friday, April 3rd – 7pm at New Hope (Fissels) UCC,
3426 Fissels Church Rd, Glen Rock, PA 17327

Good Friday, April 3rd – 7pm at St. Paul (Hametown) Lutheran Church,
11894 Susquehanna Trail South, Glen Rock, PA 17327

Easter Sunrise, Sunday, April 5th – 6:45am at Zion Lutheran Church
Cemetery, at the top of Hanover St, on the right

Easter Worship, Sunday, April 5th – 9am at Zion Lutheran Church,
47 Hanover St, Glen Rock, PA 17327, Rev. Paul Haack preaching

The Loose Change offering plate is available every Sunday. At the end of the month, the total collected for that month will be sent to the chosen organization. **Our loose change collection for February will benefit Southern Community Services.** S.C.S provides services for community members who need food assistance, rental assistance, back to school supplies, veteran assistance, energy assistance, and so much more. Southern Community Services is located within the Shrewsbury Y.M.C.A at 100 Constitution Ave, P.O. Box 263, Shrewsbury, PA 17361.

Services are recorded and streamed live each week on Zion Lutheran Church's Facebook page. It is possible during the recording that people attending the service will be filmed. If you have any concerns about being filmed, please contact the office at 717-235-3276.

Announcements for the weekly bulletin are due to the office by early Tuesday morning so bulletin work can be completed by the end of the day on Tuesday. This schedule allows time for the bulletin to be sent to the presiding pastor for the upcoming week and allows the website committee time to post the bulletin on Zion's website. Announcements can be emailed to Brenda at office@zionglenrock.org.

PERSONNEL here at ZION

Darryl Engler, Organist

Brenda Davis, Administrative Assistant

Kelley Fisher, Treasurer

Chad Fisher, Sexton

Chad Fisher, Council President.....ckoash6@gmail.com or 717-891-5327

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COUNCIL MEMBERS

Tom Bailey, Jeff Brown, Chad Fisher, Rick Freda, Pam Hoffman, Gail Prego, Donna Price, and Jen Webb

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Assisting Ministers:

March 1: Diane Bortner
March 8: Donna Price
March 15: George Brown
March 22: Jeff Hoffman
March 29: Butch Hengst

Lectors:

March 1: Donna Price
March 8: Linda Beegle
March 15: Nate Rogers
March 22: Pam Hoffman
March 29: Kelley Fisher

Council Offering Duty:

March – Jeff Brown and Donna Price

Altar Care:

March – Pam Spangler



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